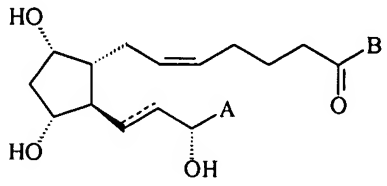
PROSTAGLANDIN SYNTHESIS

Abstract of the Invention

A process for the preparation of prostaglandin compounds having the formula (I):



(I)

wherein A is selected from the group consisting of C_1-C_6 alkyl groups; C_7-C_{16} aralkyl groups wherein an aryl portion thereof is unsubstituted or substituted with one to three substituents selected from the group consisting of C_1-C_6 alkyl groups, halo and CF_3; and $(CH_2)_nOR'$ wherein n is an integer from 1 to 3 and R' represents a C_6-C_{10} aryl group which is unsubstituted or substituted with one to three substituents selected from the group consisting of C_1-C_6 alkyl groups, halo and CF_3; B is selected from OR" and NHR" wherein R" is C_1-C_6 alkyl groups; and ----- represents a double bond or a single bond, is disclosed. Novel intermediates are also disclosed.